

On Tuesday, May 12, 2015, Mayor Dave Johannes called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 6:58 PM. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Jack Roberts, Neil Hjelmeland, and Travis McElmury.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Voice Forum: Steve Jacobs, District County Commissioner, talked about the county board writing an ATV ordinance, since they are no longer allowed on County Roads.

Lisa Gibbs made a motion to accept the agenda, with a second from Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack Roberts made a motion to accept the financials and to pay the bills, motion seconded by Neil Hjelmeland. Motion passed unanimously.

Neil Hjelmeland made a motion to accept the April 14, 2015 minutes with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Radium Violation: Bill Trygstad was in attendance and he did state that Mike Wadewitz well testing was for Radon, no radium. Mr. Trygstad said the land issue needs to be finished, and the draft letter to the Public Facilities Authority to be placed on the Intended Use Plan. Discussion was held on nitrates in the drinking water, with the council in agreeance to test for nitrates. The new well cannot be on the well house property, it needs a 50-foot clearance around it. The first well would be used as an emergency well, or a backup well. Council discussed a treatment plant with possible grant money from PFA.

Natural Gas:

Severson Oil: Gave out a packet of information. Their letter states they would like to install natural gas to Stockton, with intent on getting financing for the project that would not require the City to bond; they would have a consultant to assist them in the installation process, and an engineer to install the line from the main to each customer. They are located in Winona with a 24-hour emergency assistance. The letter did not have any costs or rates, as they do not currently have a town on natural gas. Mayor Johannes stated that costs would be their next steps, as the City has a time table to be able to construct next Spring. Severson Oil did draft a Franchise agreement ordinance for the City to look at.

John Dustman: Is a geologist and hydro-geologist, and works for Summit Envirosolutions. The slideshow presented is a flood reclamation project, which would be building a bluff trail along our hills, with a trail and ditches to allow water to infiltrate down through the sandstone instead of being washed straight down the hills to Stockton. The more bluffs that would have this trail, the less Stockton would flood. This project would be monitored from the bluff-tops, and Mr. Dustman would like to do a demonstration project first. Jack Roberts stated that since he is president of the Watershed district, this project would help them an as alternative solution to cleaning out run-off ponds.

A spreadsheet from Xcel Energy compares the price of propane to natural gas. However, council feels that if the City has to bond the project with Xcel should not be pursued anymore.

Liability Waiver: Jack Roberts made a motion to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability, motion seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Winona Co. Planning & Zoning: Jason Gilman handed out Winona County Board goals and performance measures, and their Comprehensive Plan for short term actions. Mr. Gilman discussed the various considerations of the Comprehensive plan and flood plain management discussions that the DNR and Army Corps of Engineers are having.

Resolution: Resolution 12-May-2015, supporting a fully funded 2020 decennial census. Since the City uses the information for program management and resource allocation, the City is asking the US Congress to allocate sufficient funds to execute the 2020 Census. Jack Roberts made a motion to pass resolution 12-May-2015, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

4-H Garden: Barb Odegaard stated they will not have their garden this year, but would like to place a table there for excess produce that anyone can pick up. The group will plant more perennials around City Hall, and discuss with Lisa Gibbs on plantings. The 4-H club would like to purchase a bench, and place it on the Wacholz Drive greenspace property. Jack Roberts made a motion to have the 4-H donate a bench for the Wacholz Drive property, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Water Lines: Dave McCorquodale stated he will connect with the City water on July 1, 2015. Discussion was held on raising the water rates and a water base fee for the Mobile Home Park.

CITY MAINTENANCE

Fountain & Urinal: There were two bids from PMG \$2810 and O'Laughlin at \$1175 to replace the drinking fountain and the men's urinal. Clerk will need to check with county if the fountain needs to be handicap accessible.

Electric at Pavilion: A bid from RP Electric to replace the wiring in the city pavilion for \$1850. Council would like to see a second bid for this.

Jack Roberts made a motion to close the Stockton City Council meeting, with a second from Travis McElmury. Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.